

I find on reviewing yesterday's editorial regarding the charge of the Nashville News that Senator John L. McClellan has been ignored on the invitation list for the dedication of the Bull Shoals and Norfolk dams July 2, although President Harry Truman and Governor Sid McMath have been invited, there was a prior news item which I hadn't read.

Although this item doesn't alter my suspicions in the matter, nor blunt yesterday's editorial, Star readers are entitled to judge the facts for themselves. The item in question appeared in the Arkansas Gazette Thursday morning, and was overlooked when I wrote yesterday's column Thursday night. Here is the dispatch from the Gazette:

"Mountain Home, May 28 — Arkansas' entire congressional delegation and other state and federal officials will be invited to the July 2 ceremonies at which President Truman will dedicate Bull Shoals and Norfolk dams.

"Tom Tinnon, president of the chamber of commerce here, which is sponsoring the dedication, said the special invitations would be mailed 'as quickly as they can be printed.'

Commenting on a statement by John L. McClellan at Little Rock last night that McClellan did not know whether he would attend the ceremonies at Norfolk dam because he hadn't been invited, Tinnon said:

"I can assure you and everybody else the only person invited so far is the President of the United States."

"Until Mr. Truman accepted, Tinnon said 'we couldn't extend invitations to anyone else.'

"The tentative dedication program has been completed, Tinnon added, and will be sent to Washington for White House approval."

The fact still remains that two of the largest federal taxpayer projects in our state are going to be dedicated and the senior senator of Arkansas, member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, and with the congressmen, directly responsible for the authorization and expenditure involved, knows nothing about this dedication officially.

The governor had nothing to do with the projects, and, for my money, Mr. Truman had little to do with them either. Every informed citizen — regardless what the president of the Mountain Home Chamber of Commerce thinks about it — knows that the federal developments within a given state rise or fall at the choice of that state's senators and congressmen.

I feel this whole dedication business smells violently of further intrusion by the Executive Department into the home affairs of our state and its chosen leaders in the Congress — and it is quite obvious from the Mountain Home dispatch that Senator McClellan feels the same way about it.

If President Truman does come down to Arkansas for the dedication of the Bull Shoals and Norfolk dams he will be in the ironic position of representing a landlord federal government inspecting lands it has lately seized from state ownership. It was the Roosevelt-Truman administration that dreamed up the Tidelands issue, and it was their controlled United States Supreme Court which took physical property away from the states and claimed it for the federal land-grabbers by a five-to-four decision.

Legal authorities are pretty certain that under the Tidelands decision the federal government can claim ownership not only of coastal areas but the land under and adjacent to the federally-improved rivers of all the states of America. That means the areas up and down the rivers from Bull Shoals and Norfolk.

The Tidelands steel was merely the first of a series of attempted confiscations. The same President Truman seized the steel mills. Yet both of these actions are still in doubt. Congress put through a bill to cancel the supreme court's Tidelands seizure; Truman vetoed it — and the proposal to override the veto is now before Congress. The steel seizure is in the supreme court, with restrictive legislation in prospect should the decision be adverse.

At this particular moment the author of seizure and confiscation is invited to Arkansas while our own No. 1 public official, John L. McClellan, is ignored.

The ignorance and folly and injustice of all this won't be lost on Arkansas' citizenship.

Cherry to Open Headquarters

Jonesboro, May 31 (AP) — Chancellor Francis Cherry, one of five candidates for the Arkansas Democratic gubernatorial nomination, will open his campaign headquarters in Little Rock Sunday.

Cherry said here yesterday that a number of supporters will be here. However, he said the opening would not be attended by any

Bear Escapes Rodeo, Roaming Woods Nearby

If its anything to do with an animal its happened here. At the Third District Livestock show's spring rodeo last night a small 160-pound Canadian black bear escaped and is currently roaming the woods somewhere behind Hope's Fair park.

The bear, owned by the Rodeo Clown Buck Robinson of Oklahoma City, is just a year old and is described by its owner as absolutely harmless. It has no claws and its tusks have been pulled, Robinson said, in pleading for the finder to simply tie it up and not destroy the animal.

It is wearing harness with a long chain attached. The animal was seen behind Fair park early today but searchers have been unable to find it in the woods.

When Robinson went to get the bear during last night's performance the bear was missing. Worried about the animal, Robinson continued the show and was hit by a bull, suffering a leg and shoulder injury. However, no bones were broken.

The final performance of the rodeo is scheduled for tonight at 8 o'clock. Results last night:

Calf roping: L. N. Sikes, Mexia, Tex. 13.3; Clark McEntire, Artoka, Okla. 14.1; T. B. Porter, Leesville, La. 14.8; Jess Goodspeed, Wetumka Okla. 16.

Bulldogging: Jim Whiteman, Clarksville, Tex. 4.9; J. Williams, Greenville, Tex. 5. Bill and Cotton Proctor of Belton, Tex., tied for third at 7.

Saddle Bronc Riding: Bob Ferguson, Oklahoma City, Marvin Holmes, Pickens, Okla., Bill Agee, Amarillo, Tex., O. Paul Oklahoma City.

Bareback Bronc riding: Bob Ferguson, Oklahoma City, Todd Whatley of Hugo, Okla., Fred Morgan, Wright City, Okla., Marvin Holmes, Pickens, Okla.

Bulldozing: Butler Monroe, Sherman, Tex., Todd Whatley, Hugo, Okla., J. Williams and Frank Rhoads.

Girls Barrel riding: Kay Lee Williams, Texarkana, Shirley Sue Smith of North Little Rock, Hazel Mouser and Jackie Thompson, both of Texarkana.

American Pilots Down 2 Red Planes

Seoul, Korea, May 31 (AP) — A three-pronged United Nations tank-infantry patrol smashed into Communist lines today on the Central front and the supporting foot soldiers battled the Reds with hand grenades.

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The Fifth Air Force said no Allied planes were lost in air combat last week, a sharp reversal from the week before when the Red jets held a 5-4 advantage. The past week six Russian-made MIG 15s were downed.

During the seven-day period ended Friday midnight, the Air Force said, three B-26 bombers failed to return from night attacks and one Mosquito control plane was shot down by Red guns.

In addition to the six MIG kills, the Air Force claimed two damaged and an unidentified night fighter probably destroyed.

Allied fighter-bombers during the week reported six locomotives and 675 supply vehicles destroyed or damaged.

Supporting troops, the fighter bombers destroyed 430 Red bunkers and inflicted 340 casualties, the Air Force reported.

Six Communist tanks were repulsed after they ventured near U. N. lines in the vicinity of Panmunjom, site of the truce talks. Allied artillery damaged one of the vehicles.

The North Korean communique Friday reported the U. S. destroyer Richard B. Anderson was sunk by Red guns at the east coast port of Wonsan. The Navy said the Anderson was not in the theater.

Catholic Jubilee Mass Here Monday

Jubilee Mass will be held at 9 a.m. at the Catholic Church for Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wallock in observance of their golden wedding anniversary. Father A. G. Dun-



FARM IN A DAY — Donald Dunn and family look on as George Yoshino, one of more than a hundred neighbors who contributed material and labor to build the \$75,000 "farm in a day" tractor leveling the prize winning land near Moses Lake, Wash. Dunn, a World War II veteran, won the farm in a letter writing contest held by the national Veterans of Foreign Wars to find a tenant for the farm. Left to right: Dunn and his wife, daughter Sally, Yoshino, and Deanna Dunn. (NEA Telephoto)

Farmer Kisses Wife Goodbye, Then Kills Her

Pine Bluff, May 31 (AP) — A 35-year-old Jefferson County farmer accused of slaying his estranged wife because "she'd been mistreating me" today faced a first degree murder charge.

Prosecutor Pat Mullis said last night that he would file the charge against Ernest E. Standridge today. Mullis said officers had not been able to get a statement from Standridge on the shooting in the downtown district here yesterday.

He said Standridge told him his wife had been "mistreating me" but refused to elaborate.

Chief of Police Met Galligher said Mrs. Standridge was shot four times in the chest as she walked toward the bus station. A fifth bullet hit Mrs. Charles R. West of Pine Bluff, a bystander, and a sixth shattered the glass door of a Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. office.

Galligher said the farmer was captured by two witnesses to the shooting, Wilton E. Steed Jr., and Abe Mahaffay, who chased him around the bus station and cornered him in an alley.

Standridge was taken to the city jail, but later was moved to the county jail by Patrolman Johnny Baird and two other officers. Baird quoted Standridge as begging him to "shoot me."

"I'm not going to shoot you," Baird said he replied. "I'm trying to keep somebody else from doing it."

Galligher said the transfer was made because the county jail was "more secure."

Chief Galligher said Standridge and his wife, who reportedly was living in Oklahoma, met in an attorney's office here to discuss a money settlement resulting from the death of their son in a traffic accident several weeks ago.

As they left the lawyer's office, the chief said Standridge kissed his wife goodbye and they parted. Galligher said Mrs. Standridge apparently went to a hotel, checked out and started walking toward the bus station when she was met by her husband.

Chief Galligher said Standridge apparently obtained the death weapon—a pistol—from a truck owned by Arden Vasser, on whose farm Standridge lived. The officer said Standridge drove Vasser's truck to Pine Bluff. A shotgun and a rifle also were found in the truck, the chief said.

Mrs. West was wounded in the leg by the stray bullet. The bullet was removed by surgery at Davis Hospital, where attendants said Mrs. West was resting "fairly comfortably" last night.

Chief Galligher said Standridge told him that he planned to shoot himself, but ran out of cartridges.

Atmosphere on Political Front Is Hot

By The Associated Press
The political weather today: Squalls in the Taft-Eisenhower region, especially South Dakota, with increasing excitement as the general election nears home and 22 more Republican convention delegates are chosen.

Three states — New Mexico, Virginia and Georgia — hold GOP meetings to name presidential-nominating delegates. New Mexico selects 14, Virginia four and Georgia four.

Ohio Sen. Robert Taft's backers seemed to have the upper hand at the Roanoke, Va., convention. Four at-large delegates to be named to the 24-vote slate, leaving two more to be chosen.

Of this business expenses and taxes came to \$21,000.

Mother Severely Burned in Rescue of Small Daughter

Jonesboro, May 31 (AP) — A 24-year-old mother lay near death today in a hospital here from third degree burns suffered when she rescued her tiny daughter from their blazing farm home.

Attendants at the hospital said that Mrs. Hickman Davis was in a "very serious condition." Her daughter, 2-year-old Joan Dianne, suffered first and second degree burns.

Mrs. Davis was washing clothes in the backyard of her home here when she spotted the flames and heard Joan scream. She ran into the frame house and freed the baby, who was trapped in a bedroom. Her husband and three sons were in a field about a mile from the house when the fire broke out.

UN Accused Again by Red Negotiators

Munsan, Korea, May 31 (AP) — Communist truce negotiators today accused the United Nations Command of provoking prisoner of war incidents to delay a Korean armistice and "to prepare the ground for an extension of the war."

The U. N. delegation replied that except for Communist stubbornness the exchange of prisoners could be under way now.

North Korean Gen. Nam Il made formal protests over POW riots Thursday and Friday which cost nine prisoners their lives. Then he added:

"These are obviously deliberate provocations designed to obstruct the outcome of the question on prisoners of war and to delay armistice proceedings, to create new fears and tensions and to prepare the ground for extension of the Korean War."

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Nine Convicts Escape, Four Recaptured

Columbus, O., May 31 (AP) — Nine convicts—two of them murderers—escaped last night from Ohio Penitentiary. Four remained at large early today.

Four of the prisoners, including the murderers, were captured within a matter of minutes after they escaped a prison guard and crawled through a second-floor dormitory window. A fifth was nabbed about two hours later in a Columbus railroad yard.

No shots were fired during the break or when the men were caught. Warden Ralph W. Alvis said "about 10 or 12 men came up and grabbed me." He said they took his keys to get to the window. Bars in the window apparently were saved before the escape. Penitentiary officials found a hacksaw the convicts left behind but said they had no idea how the blade was smuggled inside the walls.

The escape was the first since 1943 when a single inmate got out by hiding in a coal car. He later was captured in California and sentenced to San Quentin.

Ruthless Red Gets the Axe Herself

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Russians Seize Hamlet Near Berlin as French Crack Down on Reds

Headquarters of Reds Raided, Papers Taken

Paris, May 31 (AP) — French police cracked down hard on the Communists today with a series of dawn raids on Red party headquarters and offices throughout the country. The Ministry of Interior said arms and ammunition were seized in a number of cities.

A raid on the headquarters of the Communist-led General Confederation of Labor in Toulon uncovered cases of cartridges loaded with buckshot, the ministry said. Toulon was the scene last night of bloody rioting in which several police were injured.

Steel-helmeted police armed with submachine guns pounced on Red offices throughout Paris in simultaneous raids, and searches in other sections were said to be still going on.

Red leaders apparently knew they were coming, however, and managed to burn most of their documents and records. Police seized the rest.

The raids took place in the party's Central Headquarters, five district offices in the Paris area and headquarters of the Communist-backed peace movement. There were reports of similar raids throughout France but these could not be confirmed officially.

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Jerry Hargis of Okay Wins Ford Award



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Jerry L. Hargis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hargis of Okay, has just received notice of his winning a Ford Foundation scholarship which permits him to enter the University of Louisville at Louisville, Kentucky for the fall term. This scholarship will provide \$750 per year for a two-year period.

Jerry has just finished his junior year at Saratoga High School with the highest point average in the school this year. When he finished the 8th grade, he was valedictorian. He won the scholastic awards at the close of both the freshman and the sophomore years.

He is an active participant in all high school extra-curricular activities, and an assistant for the grade school teachers in the preparation of their programs. He is a member of the basketball team and of the baseball team. He has taken part in all available dramatics, and was, for about 6 years a 4-H Club member.

In church work, he is an active, dependable member, and is the choir director.

For the past 5 years, he has devoted much of his time during the summers to singing schools—locally, at Little Rock, and with the Stamps-Baxter school at Dallas. He has studied voice harmony and piano and has had a song published. He is a member of the Okay Quartette, one of the leading quartettes in this part of the country, and does most of the arranging of music for this quartette. They sing at churches, funerals, and give benefit concerts.

At the age of 14, he became an Eagle Scout; and at 15, he won the God and Country church award — the second to be given in this church. For 5 years, he attended Scout camp where he served as Camp Pioneer as a Water front Director on the Junior Boat in 1951. He has worked as a life guard at Hope Municipal Pool. In 1950, he attended the National Scout jamboree at Valley Forge. He is a member of the Order of the Arrow, an honor camper's society.

Now he is at Ardmore, Oklahoma attending the National Aquatics School of the American Red Cross for an instructor's rating. Later this summer, he will go back to Dallas to study music.

8-Year-Old Girl Fatally Injured in Auto Wreck

Brinkley, May 31 (AP) — Eight-year-old Nora Vernelle Willis was injured fatally yesterday when a truck and an automobile collided near here.

The child, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cleo Willis of Banner, Ark., was dead on arrival at a Brinkley hospital.

State Trooper G. E. Gwyn said the accident occurred when the car struck the rear of the truck. He said Luther Kendall, driver of the car, was charged with involuntary manslaughter and driving while drunk.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis, another daughter and the driver of the truck, Clifford Simpson, suffered

Fort Smith Rodeo Gets Underway

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SOCIETY

Phone 7-4331 Between 8 A. M. and 4 P. M.

Calendar

Sunday, June 1
 Mrs. Edwin Stewart will present Junior High School piano recital in a recital at the High School auditorium on Sunday afternoon, 2:30 p.m. The public is invited.

Monday, June 2
 A Girl Scout day camp will be held June 2-6 at Fair Park under the direction of Mrs. Johnny Branch. Sessions will be held from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Brownies will be dismissed at 2 p.m.

Tuesday, June 3
 Mrs. and Mrs. J. C. Wallace will receive their friends informally Sunday, June 2, in their fiftieth wedding anniversary at the Catholic rectory hall, from 7 to 9 p.m. No cards will be sent.

Circle No. 1 of the WSCS of the Methodist Church will meet in the home of Mrs. R. L. Branch Monday morning, at 10:30. Lunch will be served at noon.

Hope Band Auxiliary will have their regular monthly meeting on Monday night, June 2, at 7:30 at Cannon Hall. All band mothers are urged to attend.

Tuesday, June 3
 The VFW Auxiliary will meet Monday night, June 2, at 7:30 p.m. with Mrs. Henry Penwick and Mrs. Thomas Penwick, Jr. as hosts.

Wednesday, June 4
 The Women's Auxiliary of St. Mark's Episcopal Church will meet Wednesday, June 4, at 7:30 p.m. in the home of Mrs. J. W. Smith.

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Fasting Preacher's Wife Shows Strain

Cherryville, Mo., May 31 (AP)—The wife of the fasting Ozark preacher is beginning to show the strain of her almost constant bedside vigil as her husband continues his fast.

Today is his 41st day without food, by his own count, for the Rev. J. J. Ivie, Assembly of God minister, who says he will fast unto death unless he gets word from God which he hopes will lead to a spiritual revival against sin and communism.

The daughter and three of the couple's six sons spent yesterday with the minister. He occasionally slips water, but it causes him to retch, further weakening him.

The eldest son, J. B. Ivie, 34, of Cleveland, said his 37-year-old father appears to be holding up well physically, although he is extremely nervous.

Mrs. Ivie, herself a minister in the church, is showing strain, however, he added.

No visitors, not even neighbors, are allowed at the Ivie home now.

Chile Navy to Take Over Plants

Santiago, Chile, May 30 (AP)—The government has ordered Navy technicians to take over electric power plants crippled by employee walkouts last night in three provinces.

More than 1,000 power company employees in Santiago, Valparaiso

Howard's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Coop.

Dr. J. W. Branch will leave Monday for Chicago where he will take a course in diseases of the heart and attend the annual meeting of the American Medical Association. He will return after one week.

Miss Olive Jackson has as her guest her sister, Mrs. H. L. Petty of Marianna.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Tillery and Weldon, Tommy Doyle, Billy Gentry, and Edward Key left this morning for Little Rock where the four boys will attend Boys State eight days. Mr. and Mrs. Tillery will be the weekend guests of their niece, Mrs. Lee G. Harvey and Mr. Harvey.

Miss Kathleen Walker, a student at East Texas State Teachers College, Commerce, Texas, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Walker, and John Brooks of Greenville, Texas, also a student at ETSTC, is visiting in the Walker home.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Howard of Dallas, Texas, arrived last night to spend the weekend with Mrs.

Hospital Notes
 Josephine
 Admitted: Mr. Clyde Tullis, of Hope.

Branch
 Admitted: Mrs. William Alton Shirley, Hope, R. I.
 Discharged: Baby Stephen Allen, Hot Springs, Junior McNatt, Emmet, Clifton Purdie, Rosston.

Clubs

Columbus
 The Columbus HD Club held its May meeting Monday May 10 in the school lunch room.

In the absence of the president, Mrs. J. E. Delaney called the meeting to order. The club creed was repeated and the song of the month sung by the group. Mrs. Delaney read the devotional and led in prayer.

Roll call was answered by each member telling the first thing she would do to improve her home. Mrs. B. C. Webb, secretary, read the minutes of the last meeting and they stood approved.

During the business meeting old and new business was discussed. Mrs. Delaney gave a report on gardening and one on clothing.

Mrs. J. P. Webb, Jr. led the group in a very interesting game with game prize going to Mrs. Theo Evans.

Mrs. Walter Evans and Mrs. Theo Evans served as hostesses to 8 members and Mrs. Blackwood, HD Agent.

The next meeting will be in the lunch room with Mrs. Delaney and Mrs. T. M. McCorkle.

Hopewell
 The highlight of Hopewell HD Club in the home of Mrs. Theo Long May 29 was a demonstration of salads given by Mr. Martens, manager of Midwest Dairy. The salads had both eye appeal and nutritive value with fruits and cheese as bases. One was realistically called egg on toast and was made of half apricot on large cookies circled with whip cream. The cup and saucer used pineapple slices saucer peach cup and vanilla water for handle, the cup filled with whipped cream or cottage cheese. The top hat used pineapple slices brim with crown of sliced cheese filled with cottage cheese. Two delicious salad dressings for greens were combined using ingredients found on most kitchen shelves.

President, Mrs. John Keck, presided over a short business session. Poultry report was given by Mrs. Cecil Little.

Mrs. Theo Long gave a short demonstration on copper foil craft. An all day meeting will be held later to make toy planners and wall plaques.

The surprise package brought by Mrs. J. H. Taylor was won by Mrs. O. B. Bogard.

The ladies served coffee and cake to the members. Mrs. Blackwood was the guest. Mrs. Harry Martin was the guest.

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Insists West Can Again Lick Blockade

New York, May 31 (AP)—The man who broke the Soviet blockade of Berlin with the historic airlift of 1948-49 says the West can whip another one, if and when the Russians impose it.

Gen. Lucius D. Clay, former U. S. military governor of Germany, noted the Soviet Union is making menacing gestures in Germany but he does not believe they are ready to make war.

"It is always possible that they would push us more than we would take, but I doubt that," he told this reporter. "I think war will come only if the Soviet are ready for war. I doubt very much that they think they can win such a war now. If they had wanted a war and were prepared for it, we would have had it in 1947."

Clay left Germany in 1949 after directing the airlift which dealt the Soviet Union a mighty psychological blow. He is chairman of the Continental Can Company. He also heads the privately operated Crusade for Freedom which supports Radio Free Europe's broadcasts.

The Russians today are making gestures which lead many to think another blockade is in the offing. But Clay feels they are only using their regular tactics of terror and threat of war to balk Western defensive moves.

If the Russians should land a blockade of Berlin, Clay said, an airlift could beat it again.

"An airlift today would be even simpler than the one we put on then," he said. "Our transports today have double the capacity. The only consideration would be whether the Russians would use force against an airlift, which would be an overt act leading to war. I don't think they are ready for that."

"As for Berlin, it is in better shape today to withstand the blockade than it was before. For one thing, it has its own power plant and is no longer dependent upon the Soviet sector for power. And I would assume that Berlin has built up substantial reserves, such as coal."

Clay disclosed that in the 1948 crisis he once officially recommended that the U. S., British and governments undertake sending a convoy down the highway to Berlin. But he accompanied this with a warning: If this were undertaken, the three powers would have to be prepared to go to war should the Russians meet force with force. The three governments turned down the recommendation. In one respect, Clay can't say whether the three-power decision was a mistake.

"On the one hand, as it turned out, we gained great prestige in the free world by the way we broke the blockade with the airlift," he observes. "On the other hand, if the people of the United States had been prepared at that time to say they would go to war, we would have found out then whether the Soviet Union was ready or willing to fight. I didn't think they were."

He urged speedy U. S. ratification of the Bonn Peace Contract as the best answer to the Russians. "The West's first consideration, in the event of a blockade, he said, would be not to let Berlin down. If Russia's prime objective is to stop ratification, he added, the answer must be political—to push ratification of the various defense agreements signed in Paris this week."

If the Russians succeeded in persuading the Germans to reject the peace contract and the European army treaty, it would certainly upset Allied plans, Clay said, but Soviet pressure could stiffen West German resistance to the Communist campaign.

"I think the West Germans will withstand the Soviet drive," he added. "In any event, the actions of West Germany with respect to the establishment of the European army make this crucial point of the whole program of Western defense. We have made steady progress. Further progress requires the creation of a European army, and failure anywhere along the line to get ratification would be a body blow to our program."

"If, in the event of a blockade now, we made a move to use force without the concurrence of the other countries, we would arouse their fears and destroy our own chances to get ratification from them. First we must get the ratification. The situation is different from that of 1948. Then only Berlin was in question. Now all Europe is at stake."

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DOROTHY DIX You'll Find Right Girl

Dear Miss Dix: I'm a young man of 27, single and a veteran of World War II. I married at the age of 16, while in service, and was divorced two years later after realizing that my feeling for my wife was only infatuation. Since then I have met several girls but can't seem to care for any of them. My interest lasts but a few weeks, then dwindles. I meet someone else, and begin all over again.

Will I ever settle down and find someone exciting enough to hold my interest, or am I so immature mentally that I haven't the capacity for real love?

ROGER M.

Answer: You have nothing to worry about, Roger! Your romantic life is running a perfectly natural course. You have no emotional involvements to hamper your work or peace of mind. Feminine com-

panionship is available in just sufficient quantity to provide pleasant evenings, without unreasonable demands on time or attention. Your interest will become fixed on one girl soon enough, so enjoy your emotional freedom while you have it.

Don't Rush Things
 Your unfortunate, youthful marriage has left its scars, and they are taking time to heal. Don't try to rush the process. Twenty-seven is somewhat short of senility, and you have years ahead to meet the right girl, marry and settle down. Many men are still seeking a good wife at your age—and for years after.

Perhaps your sad experience with marriage has made you hypercritical of young ladies. It does not do to expect too much of them, for they alas! are not entirely perfect. If you can't come to a happy medium, however, it's better to be fussy than not particular enough. When you do meet the right girl, she'll need no fanfare. Without undue preliminaries you'll know the search is over—and she'll probably know it before you do.

Accept the gifts the gods provide, and stop fretting over Cupid's apparent lack of interest in you. He'll hit the mark yet.

JILL S.

Answer: Since you have received an invitation, surely you are entitled to accept. Your aunt apparently has more faith in your abil-

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Rumors Rife on Royal Romance

Siena, Italy, May 31 (AP)—Is Belgium's young King Baudouin going to marry an Italian princess? Three Belgian officials said no last night, but a friend of the princesses smiled at the denials.

The 21-year-old monarch arrived here with his stepmother, the Princess de Rethy last night in the course of a private visit to Italy.

Gen. Eduard St. Hubert, Baudouin's aide, told reporters here: "We must deny reports of an impending engagement between the King and the Princess Margherita di Savoia-Aosta."

Belgian Ambassador Baron Joseph Van der Elze, who also accompanied the royal party, declined the King "is too young to think of marriage."

In Brussels the grand marshal of the Belgian court stated that Baudouin is not engaged to the attractive 22-year-old daughter of the late Italian Viceroy of Ethiopia, Margherita, who has been staying in Rome, left there about the same time Baudouin reached Siena. One report said she had returned to the Aosta summer home at Sorrento, near Naples.

A friend of the princess, told of the Belgian denials, said: "After all this public attention, of course there won't be any announcement. Just the same the King didn't come to Italy sight-seeing."

The king is expected to leave Siena tomorrow for Venice and return to Belgium about the middle of next week.

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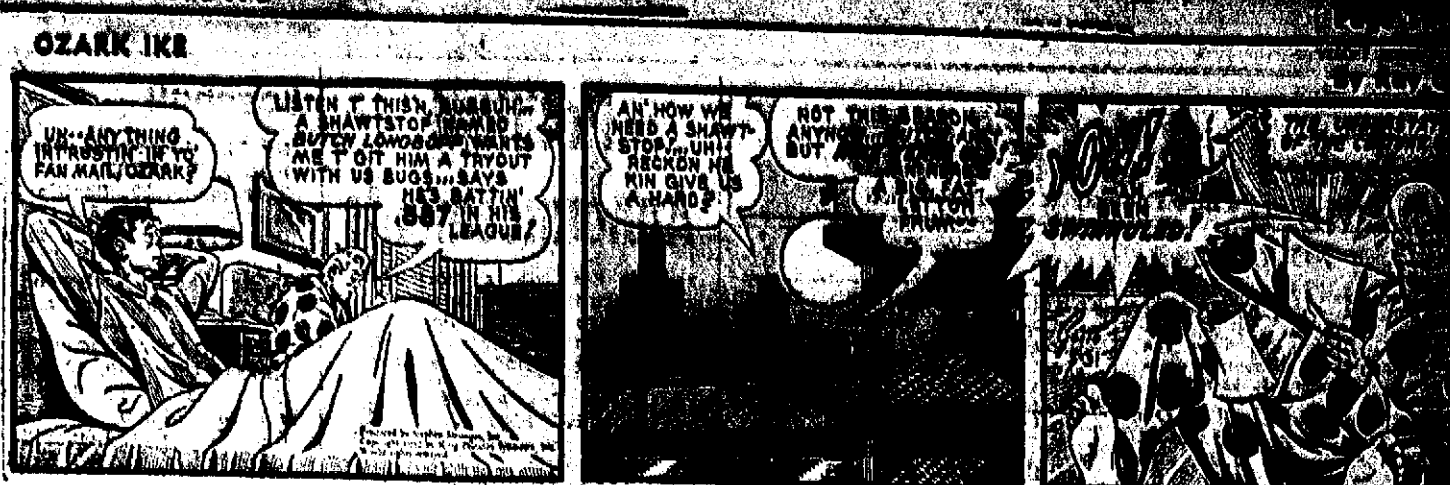
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California Caravan

HORIZONTAL

1. Big California event of 1949
 9. California is a state of the west
 12. Great Lake
 13. Pseudonym of Charles Lamb
 14. Portuguese India
 15. Exclamation of sorrow
 16. Seines
 17. Pilfer
 18. Paruse anew
 20. Allowances for waste
 22. Legal point
 23. Driving command
 24. Lathes
 27. Officers
 31. Small flaps
 32. Strikes
 33. Card game
 34. California's biggest industry
 35. Red planet
 36. Former Russian ruler
 37. Make ready
 39. Huge being
 40. Individual
 41. Organ of hearing
 42. Fortification
 45. Looks fixedly
 49. California had an — of Spanish rule
 50. Direction
 53. River-valley
 54. Correlative of neither
 55. Ceremony

VERTICAL

56. Formerly
 57. Hops' kiln
 58. It is the stage of motion picture
 59. Observes
 60. Equipment
 61. Shield bearing
 62. Falsifier
 63. Abandons
 64. Tears
 65. Rubber tree
 66. Perch
 67. Hurries
 68. Hideous monster
 69. Plunder
 70. Refuse sugar foots
 71. Roman bronze
 72. Crimson
 73. Obtains
 74. Cease
 75. Low haunt
 76. Capable
 77. Weary
 78. Lohengrin's bride
 79. Horse color
 80. Character
 81. Rabbit
 82. Ways
 83. Screeds
 84. Grass genus
 85. Natural channel
 86. Compound ether
 87. Nevada city
 88. God of love
 89. Short barb
 90. Uncommon
 91. Otherwise
 92. Hardens
 93. Island in a river
 94. Station (ab.)

